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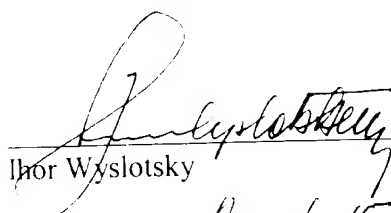
We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention entitled "IMPROVED MODIFIED ATMOSPHERE PACKAGE AND METHODS," which is described and claimed in the foregoing specification and for which a patent is sought.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

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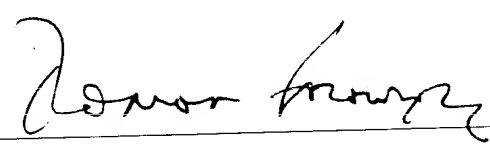
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